

44 MAINTENANCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

To provide maintenance and production control, training, administration, and engineering support required to maintain the Minuteman II intercontinental ballistic missile weapon system in support of the Emergency War Order (EWO) plan.

LINEAGE

44 Station Complement Squadron constituted, 15 May 1943

Activated, 20 May 1943

Disbanded, 15 Apr 1945

Reconstituted and redesignated, 44 Maintenance Support Squadron, 29 Aug 1991

Activated, 1 Sep 1991

STATIONS

Selfridge Field, MI, 20 May-7 Aug 1943

Kings Cliffe, England, 21 Aug 1943-15 Apr 1945

Ellsworth AFB, SD, 1 Sep 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

Third Air Force, 20 May 1943

Eighth Air Force, 21 Aug 1943

VIII Fighter Command, 24 Aug 1943

67 Fighter Wing, 15 Sep 1944-15 Apr 1945

44 Maintenance Group, 1 Sep 1991

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

European African Middle Eastern Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

44 Maintenance Support Squadron emblem: On an ultramarine blue disc within a narrow yellow border, a white armored hand that is detailed supporting a white missile. The key is yellow and the atoms red with yellow orbits. Below a black scroll bordered yellow. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron and its mission. Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The gauntlet with key symbolizes the unit's key role in support of national defense through administration, training, and production control of maintenance on intercontinental ballistic missiles as denoted by the missile and nuclear symbol. (Approved, 11 Jun 1992)

44 Maintenance Support Squadron emblem (Alternate significance): The arm, armor and the missile in the palm symbolize strength, power, and loyalty to support the mission. The atoms, symbol of the art and science of securing the objective (deterrence). The key symbolizes all the elements within the squadron essential for the successful accomplishment of the mission. The sky represents the primary theater of Air Force operations.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

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Sources

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